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GREENBELT DAY

Photos, Music, Floating Sculpture Garden among Weekend Activities

This year Greenbelt celebrates its 65th anniversary but the celebration will be anything but geriatric. Greenbelt Day weekend is coming, and with it a host of festive, creative, artistic, edible, and just plain fun activities for one and all. The outdoor pool will be opening, too.

The celebration begins on Friday, May 31 with a photography exhibit, "Greenbelt at 65," in the Community Center art gallery from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Members of the community have documented aspects of present-day Greenbelt. The exhibit will be open daily throughout the weekend.

At 6 p.m. baseball fans will be convening at Braden Field #2 to cheer Greenbelt's young athletes as the Tigers face off against the O's.

At 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Community Center there will be a free dance theater performance called "The World of Tomorrow," based on the 1939 World's Fair. Community members will be performing as centaurs, Salvadore Dali's Venus, Elektro the Motor-Man, and more. The performance will feature Laura Shandelmeier as the Frozen Alive Girl.

From 8 to 11 p.m. at the New Deal Café the "Ghost of Tom," a three-piece band, will perform a variety of old folk and pop tunes. Desserts, coffee and more



PHOTO BY ANDY CARRUTHERS

"Greenbelt at 65," a photo exhibit, includes glimpses of everyday life in Greenbelt this year. Here, the double-dutch team practices on the pavement in front of the Youth Center.

will be available for sale at the café in the Roosevelt Center Mall.

Saturday, June 1

Greenbelt's outdoor pool will open at 10 a.m. From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. a photography exhibit, "Picturing Victims and Patriots," will be open at the Greenbelt Museum room in the Community Center.

Come to Braden Field #2 for machine-pitch baseball, featuring the Rockies versus Braves at 11 a.m. and the Yankees versus the Marlins at 1 p.m.

"The World of Tomorrow" will have a second performance at 8 p.m. Also at 8, there will be live

entertainment at the New Deal Café featuring folk performer Dave Allen Wilcox. He will play his own work, plus that of late '70s and '80s folk musicians while café patrons munch and sip.

Sunday, June 2

A youth film festival will take place at the Old Greenbelt Theatre at 11 a.m. "Vids by Kids III" features works by children and teens in the Washington and Baltimore area. Some of these films were created in a class at the Community Center and have won awards.

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USO Benefit Ball to Be Held Here at the Marriott Hotel

by Mary Moien

On Flag Day, June 14, the City of Greenbelt and the American Legion are sponsoring a ball for the benefit of the USO (United Service Organizations). The ball, "An Evening from the '40s," will be held at the Greenbelt Marriott and will feature dinner and dancing to a 1940s era band. A floor show is also planned. Details of the entertainment will be in next week's Greenbelt News Review.

Carl Dentinger, past commander of the American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt, is the chair of the project. He commented that early last fall, before September 11, some members were looking for a new way to help out the USO World Headquarters. Dentinger and others felt that "a whole generation is not that familiar with the USO." He added that the USO often looks to corporate sponsors, but that the Greenbelt American Legion decided to bring the USO back to the grassroots."

Most people are familiar with USO activities from World War II and the Vietnam War. But the

USO is always needed and has been actively involved in many military areas since the September crisis. This includes helping military families in New York and at the Pentagon, helping families of soldiers sent overseas, and providing celebrities to visit "ground zero" to boost the morale of those working there.

Organizing the ball has been a major effort, but Dentinger indicated that many groups are assisting. The Marriott has donated the grand ballroom and the musicians and performers are also donating their time and talents. The American Legion is raising funds in two ways. The first is by selling tickets to the ball (see the ad on page 6). The second is through contributions to the project. Contributors will be listed in the evening's program and through a thank-you ad to be placed in the Greenbelt News Review.

To purchase tickets, call Jackie Shabe-Rochefort at 301-345-4967. To make a contribution, call Dentinger at 301-793-6556.

MONDAY IS MEMORIAL DAY

See page 14 for the News Review Holiday Schedule

City Moves to Take Title To Old Greenbelt Theatre

by Barbara Hopkins

The City of Greenbelt came one step closer to acquiring the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Monday, May 13. At its regular meeting, city councilmembers approved a memorandum of understanding between the city and George and Lisa Christacos, the owners of the building housing the theater.

The agreement provides for transfer to the city of fee simple title to the theater portion of the shopping center. According to the terms of the memorandum, the city will forgive the special assessment payments totaling over \$200,000 for which the Christacoses are currently in arrears and will agree to accept future payments that are \$2,000 lower than originally agreed upon, but higher than current payments, for the nearly ten years remaining in the special assessment period.

The city will also provide the Christacoses documentation that the value of the theater portion of the building exceeds the remuneration received by them so they can claim the difference as a charitable gift.

The memorandum provides for delivery by the city to the Christacoses of an easement agreement giving the current owners an unrestricted right to permit shopping center patrons

to park in the city-owned lot surrounding the center, and the city agrees not to reduce the number of spaces in that lot. This agreement already exists, but has been withheld by the city pending resolution of disputes between the city and the Christacoses.

The Christacoses will grant the city complete access to the crawlspace below the theater for legal and necessary purposes, so long as this does not interfere with the provision of utilities to other tenants. The Christacoses will also provide an alternative access to the projection room, if the city requests and pays for such access.

The agreement outlines the procedure by which the city will have first right of refusal to purchase any or all portions of the shopping center owned by the Christacoses.

As part of the transfer process, the theater portion of the shopping center building will be "condominiumized" to separate it from the rest of the structure and uses in the building.

It is estimated that it will take 45 to 60 days to complete the title work. Once the city acquires title, the next step facing council will be to determine how to use, manage and repair the theater.

BUDGET

Tax Rate May Increase But Council Is Undecided

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council has agreed to increase the city's real property tax rate for the ninth consecutive year—or have they? If anyone is interested, and so far there has been little citizen interest evidenced at budget meetings, they will have to find out either by attending Tuesday's (May 28) budget public hearing and regular council meeting, checking the city's web site or tuning in to the city's cable channel 71 since the council failed to reach decision at its televised May 20 worksession and deferred action to a worksession past the normal deadline for weekly newspaper copy.

At the May 20 worksession the council announced that the meeting would end at 11 p.m. sharp so that the sign interpreters could go home, and if there was unfinished business, it would be carried over to Wednesday, May 22. By scheduling the second meeting on Wednesday, it is not possible for any decision being reached during a live CATV

broadcast, since the city lacks live hookups at the Community Center. (The council must meet there on Wednesdays because CARES uses the meeting spaces in the Municipal Building for its counseling sessions.)

At the meeting, council proceeded quickly enough through a one and one-half page list of budget items that members had suggested for change at earlier worksessions. By 10:15 p.m., the members had decided by informal majority votes to make a shorter list of changes that would increase the proposed General Fund budget by \$92,900. For the next 45 minutes council agonized over how to balance the budget, which in total would amount to \$16,658,400 and was already slightly out of balance as proposed by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. (McLaughlin had proposed using \$45,500 of the this fiscal year by the state, the city's tax rate for real property is

See TAX RATE, page 6

What Goes On

Sunday, May 26

11 a.m., GHI Woodlands clean up. End of Research Road

Monday, May 27

10 a.m., Memorial Day Observance at War Memorial, Centerway

Tuesday, May 28

7 p.m., ACE Meeting, Municipal Building

8 p.m., City Council meeting, Second Public Hearing on FY '03 Budget, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 29

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Fire Department, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, Municipal Building

Greenbelt Day Weekend

Activities for the entire family!
Friday, May 31 through
Sunday, June 2

Letters to the Editor

Fun Day Thanks

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA would like to thank the parents, students, teachers, volunteers, GAB, Girl Scouts, Raulins Bakery and Einstein's Bagels of Laurel for helping to make our Family Fun Day a success! We would like to recognize the parents, teachers and local community sponsors for their donations to our silent auction: Capitol Cadillac, Generous Joe's, New Deal Café, Mary Kay and Pleasant Touch. A special thanks to Greenbelt Police Officer Marty Parker and Mayor Judith Davis.

*Rebecca Roper
PTA President*

Many Thanks

This is a long overdue but heartfelt thank-you to all those who were so kind to me during my recent surprise illness and subsequent surgery. Angels seem to abound in Greenbelt, and they were there for me.

First, to Angel Mary. Mary drove me to doctor's appointments, and volunteered to take care of Caspian, Nicky, and Andrew, my three little fuzzy boys, while I was in the hospital, and then of me too for those first few days of recovery, while I was wafting in and out of my post-surgical daze. Mary furnished them with a room and a private yard of their own; they thought

they were at camp for three days. Glenna was there to provide moral support and treat me to a fabulous lunch.

When I was allowed to come home, I discovered that Louvain and Peggy had redone my front yard. There was a little rock garden and a hanging basket full of gorgeous purple petunias. My old porch mat was replaced. Another neighbor, Mary, cut the grass when I couldn't quite manage it, and her son Andrew helped me carry groceries. Peggy appeared almost daily at my front door, bringing me fruit, vegetables, delicious homemade delicacies. Chris made a special trip to pick up and deliver an emergency prescription for me. Sue welcomes me into her house when I need to talk, and saves me her newspaper every day.

On the Sunday before my surgery, Father Hurd of St. Hugh's gave me the Sacrament of the Sick and said Mass for me afterward; Father Finamore of St. Ignatius parish called to tell me that he was praying for me.

And I will always treasure the beautiful Mass cards and spiritual bouquets, as well as all the cards and offers of help from my other neighbors and friends.

I am truly blessed. Thank you, and God's blessings on all of you.

Louise Wilding

"Artful Afternoon" Festivities Honor Greenbelt's Birthday

On Sunday, June 2, from 1 to 5 p.m., the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The program will include a variety of free arts activities celebrating the city's 65th anniversary. Guests of all ages are welcome.

At 2 p.m., the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform on the front lawn, following remarks from the Greenbelt City Council in honor of the city's anniversary. From 1 to 3 p.m., a reception will be held in the Community Center Gallery celebrating the opening of "Greenbelt at 65," a new exhibit of documentary photographs produced by students in a spring session workshop sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Museum. Subjects included in the exhibit are the Greenbelt double-dutch team, a day in the life of the Community Center, riding along with the Greenbelt Police, the city's Department of Public Works, Greenbelt East, Springhill Lake, the Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt lake park, and Greenbelt architecture. The exhibition will continue through July 14.

From 2 to 5 p.m., guests ages eight and up are invited to participate in a workshop to create a magical floating sculpture garden for Greenbelt Lake. Younger children also may participate if accompanied by an adult; families are encouraged to attend. The illuminated aquatic artwork will be displayed in connection with the city's Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display at Buddy Attick Park. After the event, the sculptures may be taken home and used as indoor or patio lanterns. No art experience is required.

At 12:30 p.m., join the young students in the Recreation Department's spring session puppetry course for a performance entitled "Circus Minimus." From 1 to 5 p.m., ongoing activities will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence, a ceramics sale with Greenbelt Pottery, and Greenbelt Museum house tours.

Artful Afternoons are a monthly program of the Greenbelt Recreation Department, offered on every first Sunday. For more information about the June program, call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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The 1939 World's Fair theme is continued at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, in a special display open 1 to 5 p.m. "Aunt Mary" has just returned from her trip to New York, bringing souvenirs from the 1939 World's Fair and an array of new hats. Drop by and take a peek.

Artful Afternoon

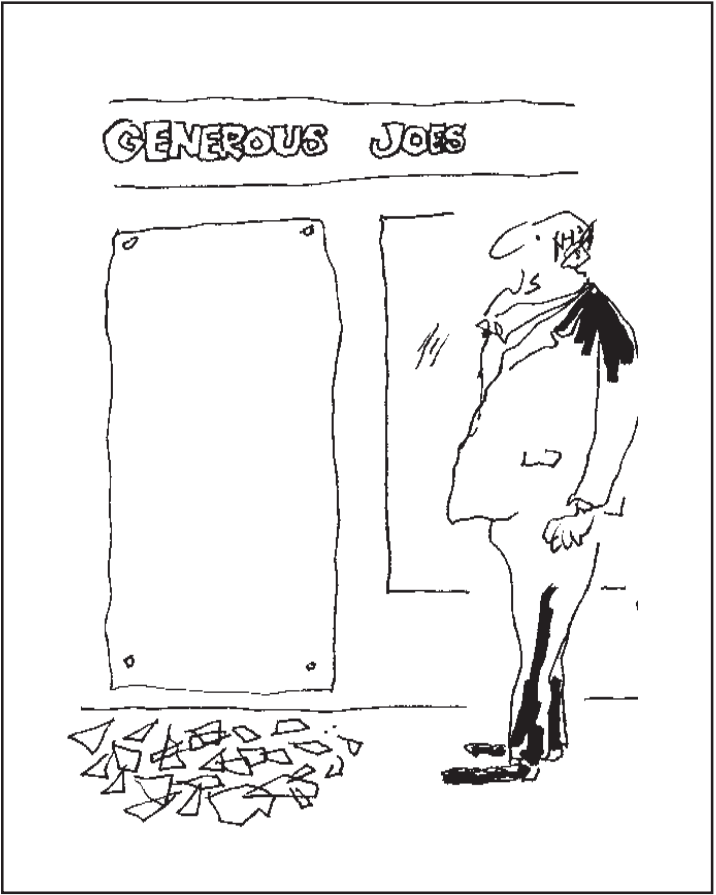
The Community Center will be the scene of an Artful Afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m., when visitors can meet the artists-in-residence and tour their studios. At 2 p.m., after the mayor and city council's opening remarks, the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform on the Community Center front lawn. The afternoon's offerings include a floating art workshop from 2 to 5 p.m.: participants can help create floating artwork for Greenbelt Lake.

Home/Garden Tour

From 12:30 to 5 p.m., enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., open houses. The tour begins at the Community Center.

Finally, at 2 p.m., there will be a "Major League All-Star Game" at McDonald Field.

The Old Curmudgeon



"I wonder when the city will connect the dots . . ."

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American Legion Benefit Golf Tournament at Lake Arbor

by Mary Moien

The Gene Kellahe Memorial Golf Classic, a benefit sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will be held on June 7 at Lake Arbor Golf Course. This golf tournament benefits the Legion's college scholarship fund and last year raised \$5,000 toward scholarships. The tournament, now in its sixth year, awards \$1,000 a year for four years to the annual recipient of the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on essays, community service, teacher recommendations, etc.

The Classic was named in memory of Greenbelter Gene Kellahe who died in 1996. American Legion member Hank Irving described Kellahe as a "dedicated legion leader, patriot, family man and youth advocate." He was a two-term Legion commander and fought in World War II.

A registration form can be obtained at the American Legion. For more information on playing in the tournament or donating to it, contact the Legion at 301 345-0136.

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Sunday

***2:30, *5:00, 7:25, 9:45**

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AUDITIONS

Marvin's Room

by Scott McPherson

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Sheilah Crossley-Cox, Director

Laurie Hardman, Producer

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4 men (40-60)

2 boys (11 & 17)

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

The Enemy Is In the Woods

The GHI woodlands committee is providing tools for all who will volunteer to help eradicate invasive plants on Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m. at the end of Research Road.

The air in the woods carries the wondrous fragrance of multi-flora roses and Japanese honeysuckle. The ground and trees are covered with thick rich green leaves of English ivy. It is easy to be fooled that all is right with the world. These plants of seeming beauty are the equivalent of green concrete poured on the forest floor and atop the trees. The non-native invasive plants are the enemy and they are destroying the woods and depriving wildlife of habitat.

A representative of the Maryland Native Plant Society has assessed the Greenbelt forest land and pronounced it one of the worst he has seen with respect to invasive plants.

Volunteers should dress to protect from poison ivy and bring thick gloves and loppers if available. (If not, a tool will be provided.)

Participants should call woodlands committee member Leslie Brothers at 301-474-7421, so the committee will know how many people will attend.

Greenbelt Couple In Voice Recital

Greenbelt husband and wife singing team mezzosoprano Ole Hass and soprano Ingrid Cowan will be accompanied by pianist Susan Ricci at an evening voice recital at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 10110 Greenbelt Road on Saturday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature songs and duets by Schubert, Schuman, Wolf, Fauré, Tosti and others. Admission is free.



Ole Hass



Ingrid Cowan

Cowan and Hass have made annual appearances at various sites in Greenbelt as well as the Washington, D.C. metro area, Germany and Russia. Cowan is a recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award in the year 2000. Hass just finished his Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance at the University of Maryland.

GHI NOTES

The Architectural & Environment Committee will meet Wednesday, May 29, in the GHI Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

The next informational seminar for prospective members of GHI is scheduled for Monday, June 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Beginning Wednesday, June 5, blood pressure testing will be available in the GHI Conference Room from 2 to 4 p.m.

Members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

Community Events



"Beloved Landscapes" exhibit by Sarah Garcia will hang in the Municipal Building through July 17.

School Board Fetes Greenbelt Students

On Monday, May 20, School Superintendent Iris T. Metts and three board members joined in celebrating the achievements of principals, teachers, and students. "We have some of the best and brightest individuals in the region in Prince George's County, and we should take this time to share our success with everyone."

Among the students honored were Tiffany Brown and Rachel Elliott of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who won Project Excellence Scholarships.

Destination ImagiNation, a program that challenges students to cast their solution to a problem as a skit, inspired students at ERHS to win the Maryland State championship. Olivia Brock, Kristie Esterheld, Matt Fox, Stephanie Kolsi, Russell Miller, Michael Reilly, and Blair Skyrud were members of the winning ERHS team, whose coaches were Tim Reilly and Glen Roe. Kenmoor Middle School students were Maryland State Champions for their age group, numbering two talented Greenbelters – James Bonnell and Maia McWilliams – on the triumphant team.

ERHS Salutatorian Richard Henrikson and Valedictorian Peter Nilson were also honored at the meeting.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The meeting on May 20 was opened with a flag salute. This is a slight change in the order of business as voted by the club to give members more time to socialize.

The birthday honorees for May were introduced. Present were Sally Carrano, Verna Marrie, Leney Holohan, Maxine Smith and John Henry Jones. Leney Holohan won the birthday drawing. A pot luck luncheon was enjoyed.

John Taylor, travel chair, reminded the club of the trips to the Botanic Gardens on May 30 and "Shear Madness" at the Kennedy Center on July 21. There is a fee.

Sunshine committee chairs Ken and Pearl Keeney reported Roger Brown was having tests. Pat Unger thanked everyone for cards and is glad to be back at meetings.

The 50/50 winners were Cathy Holcomb and Pat Parker.

The annual yard sale will be on June 8 at Roosevelt Center. Bill Souser is collecting items at the Community Center and would like help in pricing.

Thanks to Solange Hess and all the helpers for setting up and serving a beautiful lunch for the birthday meeting.

"Beloved" 'Scapes Theme of Art Show

On Tuesday, May 28, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host a reception for artist Sarah Garcia in connection with her new exhibit, "Beloved Landscapes." The reception will take place at the Greenbelt Municipal Building from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All ages are welcome to enjoy the display and an informal gallery talk with the artist. The show will continue in this location, at 25 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, through July 17. This is the first exhibition for Garcia, a Greenbelt resident and an instructor with the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For information call Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-397-2208.

Legion Honors Vets On Memorial Day

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #136 will host their annual Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 27 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, Roosevelt Center.

The public is invited to attend and join in remembering veterans and those serving this country today. The program will feature a guest speaker. A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following the ceremonies.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be held at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m.

For additional information call the Post at 301-345-0136.

"Vids By Kids" At Free Festival

On Sunday, June 2 at 11 a.m., "Vids By Kids III" will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. This is a free film festival suitable for families. The films to be shown were made by children and teens in the Washington, D.C. area, including young people in the animation program co-produced by Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), which is sponsoring this event. Awards will once again be presented at the festival, courtesy of Blockbusters and Greenbelt Video. Call Barbara Simon, 301-474-2192 for more information.

At the Library

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day Holiday, library closed.

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, May 30, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Festival Committee Holds Fund Raiser

The Labor Day Festival Committee will hold a bake sale and patriotic T-shirt sale, take orders for pizza and fruit shakes, and initiate a grocery raffle this Saturday, May 25 starting at approximately 10 a.m. on the Cop ramp. This is the first of many fund raisers that the committee will be having over the next few months. Come out and buy some goodies and a T-shirt, take a chance on something everyone needs, and order some delicious summertime drinks (and quick-fix meals)!

Greenbriar's Party Features Holmes

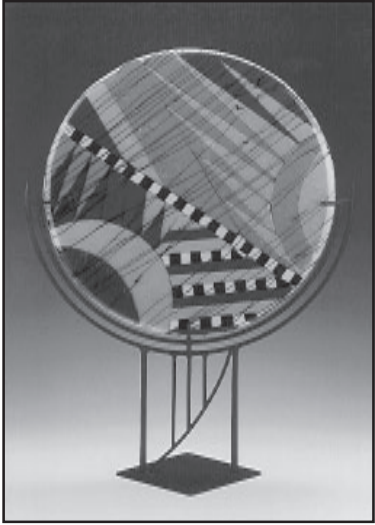
Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents 21 and over are invited to attend one of the community's most popular events. Kenney Holmes, the "one man orchestra" will provide popular sounds at Greenbriar's Wine and Cheese Party on Friday, May 24, 7 to 11 p.m. The Wine and Cheese Party is traditionally held the night before the Olympic swimming pool opens for the season.

Kenney Holmes is a guitarist and vocalist who will respond to audience requests, from jazz and blues to Motown and show tunes. This event will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building patio. For further details call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.



Try Making Jewelry With Fused Glass

On Saturday, June 8 from 2 to 5 p.m., the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host a single-session fused glass workshop with artist Kathie Lynch at the Greenbelt Community Center. Participants ages 16 and up will create an original piece of jewelry by "collaging" glass, which will then be fired in a kiln. No art experience is required in order to participate. Registration is required and fees apply. Call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.



A fused-glass object by Kathie Lynch.

Spraying for Gypsy Moths Completed

The spraying for gypsy moths occurred on Saturday, May 4. Unfortunately, and unavoidably, there was no prior notice of the spraying. This was due to the changing weather at the time and the limited time frame during which spraying is effective.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. proudly presents

House and Garden Tour 2002

Sunday, June 2
12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.
Tour begins
at the Community Center
For information, please call 301-474-4705

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Monday, May 27	6:00	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 28	6:00	A's @ Cubs
Wednesday, May 29	6:00	Indians @Tigers
Thursday, May 30	6:00	Cubs @ Lions
Friday, May 31	6:00	Cards @ Giants
Friday, May 31	6:00*	Tigers @ O's
Friday, May 31	After	Parents & Coaches
Saturday June 1	10:00	NL Practice
Saturday, June 1	1:00	AL Practice
Sunday, June 2	1:00	All Star Game

Standings

(As of Tuesday, May 21)

American League	National League
<u>W - L</u>	<u>W - L</u>
Athletics 7 - 3	Lions 9 - 0
Orioles 5 - 4	Cards 8 - 2
Giants 3 - 7	Cubs 3 - 6
Tigers 2 - 6	Indians 1 - 10

Unless otherwise indicated, all games will be played at McDonald Field this week.

*Game at Braden Field

So Many Changes . . . A Memorial Day Reflection

by Richard J. Santos

One year ago, we were a nation at peace, but not now. A short year ago, Blue Star Service Banners were lost in the memories of a half-century ago, but not now.

On Memorial Day 2002, I see more and more Blue Star Service Banners in front of windows of houses and businesses across America. A banner reminds us that a loved one from that family is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, fighting terrorism in Operation Enduring Freedom and providing homeland defense. Unfortunately, Gold Star Banners [indicating a loved one was killed in service to America] are replacing some of the blue.

Today's men and women sent into harm's way differ little from the doughboys who fought in the trenches of France, the GIs who stormed the beaches at Normandy, or the troops who bought inches of land with blood at Korea's Chosin Reservoir.

Indeed, they are no different than the millions of men and women who have answered the clarion call throughout American history. As did those before them, today's men and women that we honor did their duty. Regrettably, we must now add 3,000 more names to the list of our honored dead.

Some of the honored dead were in the armed forces, but

some were not. Each was on the frontlines of the terrorist assault on America. All lost their lives on September 11 or the days following. It is fitting that, as we remember the military men and women who died in service to America, we also – just this once – remember as well the first casualties of the War on Terrorism. They are also American heroes who died in the line of duty. They gave their all in service to their country as surely as if they had been on the frontlines of Afghanistan.

Again young Americans, wearing the uniforms of our armed forces, are fighting in a war without borders and without clearly identified combatants. Some of them have given the supreme sacrifice for our nation. We are thankful that we are a nation that does not forget . . . that we are a people who remember and honor the memory of those who died fighting the enemies of the United States, wherever and whenever they threaten.

On this Memorial Day, I ask all citizens of this great land to remember the sacrifice of more than one million Americans whose memory we honor today.

Richard J. Santos of Greenbelt, Md. is the national commander of the American Legion. He represents 2.8 million wartime veterans.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of May 13, the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted the annual ACE Students Awards following a brief reception. One boy and one girl from each of the Greenbelt area schools were selected to be honored with certificates and gifts presented by the Greenbelt City Council, State Delegates Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard, State Senator Leo Green, County Councilwoman Audrey Scott and School Board Representative James Henderson. The students selected from Eleanor Roosevelt High School were also awarded scholarships to help in their continued education.

Wendy Wexler completed the last of the 2001-2002 school year teen discussion groups for students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The groups met for eight weeks and covered a variety of topics including anger management, school success, family conflict and substance abuse. The groups will begin again in the fall of 2002.

Teresa Smithson attended a workshop at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. that addressed clinical interventions for adult survivors of sexual abuse. Teresa will also attend a Field Instructor's Orientation at there.

Judye Hering attended a



Congratulations to:

Lynne Tucker, a resident of Pinecrest Court, who received her Juris Doctor degree from Emory University School of Law in Atlanta on May 13. Lynne is a 1994 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a former longtime News Review carrier.

Katharine Stratton, who is graduating summa cum laude from Towson University on May 23, with a degree in elementary education. Kate, a lifelong Greenbelt resident and former lifeguard, traveled to New Zealand earlier this year to complete part of her student teaching requirement.

Clare Storck, daughter of Tom and Inez Storck of Ridge Road, who will be the valedictorian at her graduation from Oakcrest School. She is a National Merit finalist, and the recipient of an academic scholarship to Christendom College, Front Royal, Va., which she will attend in the fall.

Former Miss Greenbelt 1998, Joi Loretz, who was crowned Maryland State Queen 2002 in the Sunburst Beauty pageant held the weekend of May 10 to 12, in Richmond, Va. Joi will compete August 2 to 4 in Atlanta, Ga. for the national title. Good luck, Joi.

Green Ridge House resident, Ruth Burton, who received a leadership award at the Prince George's County Volunteer Recognition luncheon on May 17. She has been a volunteer for the Department of Family Services Nutrition Program for 14 years.



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Thurs. Disciple Bible Study	6:45 p.m.

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SERMON: "All Authority in Heaven and on Earth" Trinity Sunday and Memorial Sunday

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Legion Auxiliary Members Honor Fallen Firefighters

by Rusty Beeg

Joining firefighters and emergency medical technicians from many local jurisdictions, members of Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary, paused on Sunday, May 19, to honor rescue personnel lost in the September 11 tragedies. The occasion was the dedication of a memorial plaque at the "Last Alarm Garden" in Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Coordinated by unit member Lorrie Johnson of Greenbelt, the event was emceed by another member, Kelly Glorioso, Miss Maryland 2001, who also sang. Speakers included County Councilman Jim Estep; Prince George's County Fire/EMS Chief Ronald Blackwell; Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association President William Smith, Sr.; District of Columbia Fire/EMS Department Local 36 Chairman of the Board Brian Lee and Richard Welch, who is both chairman of H.E.R.O.E.S., Inc., and University Park's chief of police. Additional musical selections were provided by Scott Forbes, a firefighter from Mont-

gomery County and member of the County Honor Guard, who sang the national anthem, as well as Marliiss Landson, Miss Prince George's County, and Felecia Curry, Miss Germantown. Ashley McKenney, Miss Fort Lincoln, read a poem, and "Taps" was played by Miss Northern Chesapeake, Heather Gross, who is a Washington County volunteer firefighter.

The bronze memorial is dedicated "in remembrance of the brave and dedicated firefighters and emergency medical technicians who gave their lives on the morning of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, New York, NY" and contains a poem entitled "Remembering a Friend." The "Last Alarm Garden" was dedicated two years ago and is the area set aside by the cemetery solely for fire and rescue personnel and their families.

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by Dorothy Sucher

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city’s \$2,582,422 anticipated surplus to balance the budget that he had submitted.)

Stalemate
With the new, much higher assessed valuations for property now being used for the first time 62.8 cents per \$100 assessed value. To raise an additional \$92,900 of tax monies, City Finance Director Jeffrey Williams advised that the tax rate would have to be increased 0.9 cents. Mayor Judith Davis thought the tax rate figure should be rounded off, but found that 0.2 cents was too little and 1.2 cents too much. She decided on a 0.7-cent increase that would be a little shy of the revenues needed and would still have a rate at a fraction of a cent, 63.5 cents. She also noted that she was opposed to increasing the tax rate by the needed 0.9 cents because some of the things approved in the \$92,900 list she had not supported.

Council member Rodney Roberts said, “I’d like to get by one year without raising taxes.” He noted that when the council proposed the bond issue, the council said that the refinancing of debt would save money and that there would be the opportunity for council not to raise taxes. Others pointed out that this had not been a promise to not raise taxes, that the refinancing had reduced city costs, but that other expenses increased so that a tax increase was needed.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull noted that although city debt payments for the next five years were reduced, the city was going to pay a higher interest rate for a longer period of time. He, too, is opposed to a tax rate increase.

On the other hand, Councilmember Thomas White suggested increasing the tax rate by one cent, which would yield \$107,700,with the extra revenues raised providing a little extra cushion. He feels that there are some potential needs that will require council to come up with additional funding over that budgeted. Feeling the same way, Councilmember Edward Putens proposed going to a rounded 64-cent rate, which would add another \$21,500 of extra funds to White’s proposal. However, he was willing to go along with a one-cent increase.

This left the mayor in the middle, unwilling to support an increase as high as one cent, but unwilling to adopt the budget without some kind of an increase. In an effort to compromise, council agreed to drop two increase proposals, \$5,000 for executive training for senior staff and \$5,000 for more recreation equipment at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Those changes failed, however, to get any member to change position and when 11 o’clock came, the mayor gavelled the meeting to recess until May 22.

Changes
The review of possible changes began with the mayor starting the list by adding \$45,000 for additional red light camera costs and cutting \$50,000 budgeted in reserve appropriation for unforeseen expenditure needs, noting that the council had already reached decision on these two items.

In the budget for the city manager, a proposal for \$41,000 to employ a full-time intern from a graduate school was not approved. However, \$5,000 was at first added to the list to provide for executive training of senior staff. Putens advocated this so that whoever received the training could bring back new and innovative ideas. However, at the end, this item was dropped from the list.

For the Department of Planning and Community Development, the council agreed to add \$45,000 for the employment of an additional planner, noting the heavy workload placed upon the planning staff. The department has lost one intern, and a second is expected to leave in August. The community planner, the only full-time position other than the

ficers due to a nationwide difficulty in recruiting new officers, the council felt it was useless to increase the authorized strength for officers in the department.

For Public Works, the council added \$25,000 for employing two part-time (9 months) employees to help out during the busy times of the year. Council also added \$1,600 for cell phones.

Greenbelt CARES did not benefit from the council’s largesse. However, the youth service bureau is expected to share in a new grant of funds obtained by Senator Leo Green. Unfortunately, the city is getting mixed signals as to how much and for what purpose funds will be granted. There is a feeling that state officials are modifying the grant in ways not intended by the senator. McLaughlin is to discuss the matter with Green. When the parameters of the grant are better known, McLaughlin and bureau director Carol Leventhal will submit to council a plan for the money’s use.

Recreation
Council’s first concern for the Recreation Department was to address the list of requested needs presented at the youth forum. It was decided that much could be accomplished with existing funds or in conjunction with building the addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Although Recreation Director Harry Irving thought that other needs could be met out of the existing budgets, council added \$5,000 for the purchase of equipment at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. However, at the end of the meeting, council removed this amount.

Council also added \$5,800 for payments to various recreation organizations that provide programming in the city, in accord with the requests of those groups. When the mayor raised concerns about the Greenbelt Arts Center having only one Greenbelter on its board and that other programs were squeezing out the center’s music program, Turnbull noted that the programming problems were an internal matter, and that “if we find a better community-oriented arts program, we could consider withholding funding,” but that an alternative did not exist.

Council had considered allocating funds to improve education at city schools. If funds were given to the school system, however, there would be no control as to where or how they would be spent. Contributions of equipment and services could better be specifically allocated. With the shakeup in the school system now taking place, some councilmembers felt that this was not a good time to do anything. Putens proposed adding \$5,000 for education, but Davis felt that this amount was inadequate and others failed to support it..

The city expects to provide electricity through the Washington Gas Light Company and save \$3,300 a year. This savings was added to the list.

White proposed increasing the amount set aside for capital projects from \$400,000 to the yield of a 4 cent tax levy, \$482,000. He failed to receive support.

Late Flash

On Wednesday night a majority of council agreed to a 0.4-cent increase in the real property tax rate. Council found savings of \$22,500 by eliminating one red light camera and another \$45,000 as the police department is unlikely to quickly fill its four current vacancies.

director, is expected to be out on maternity leave in July and August. The sum budgeted is for salary and benefits for three-quarters of a year, recognizing that time will be required to recruit, screen and hire a new planner. Department director Celia Craze thought that there might be more fees realized from code enforcement than budgeted as code enforcement officers would be freed up from doing some of the planning work which they now do out of necessity, but McLaughlin was not comfortable with changing the revenue figures.

Police
A big question mark was the cost of providing police officers with a 20-year retirement plan under the state Law Enforcement Officer Pension System (LEOPS). Funds set aside in the existing pension system could offset in part a \$350,000 annual cost for the new retirement plan. However, the city will not know what the net cost will be until a state study is completed. In the meantime, unless the city applies for the new system this month, it may not be able to join for another year. McLaughlin noted that if the city stopped contributing for police officers in a deferred compensation plan and if officers were asked to contribute part of their salary to the retirement plan, city costs for LEOPS could be further reduced. Council chose to not make any budget changes at this time.

Council did add \$24,900 for the employment for three-quarters of the year of a police cadet. Given a choice between hiring a cadet and hiring a new position called a public safety officer, which would employ a retired police officer to do limited police work, Chief James Craze opted for a cadet. He noted that employing young persons as cadets had worked well in the past, with most succeeding to become police officers eventually and continuing to serve in this department or elsewhere. Because the force already is short four of-

Eleven Groups Ask City Council for Contributions

by Marat Moore

As part of its FY 2003 budget-planning process, the Greenbelt City Council recently heard from representatives of 11 local groups that receive city funds. The city asks that groups receiving city funds maintain a local membership of at least 66 percent. The following “contribution groups” appeared before the council on May 6 to discuss their activities and respond to any questions about their funding requests:

Golden Age Club
John Taylor, Ima Davis, Bob Terrell, and Ernie Varda reported that the Golden Age Club’s membership — made up of 100 percent Greenbelt residents — is increasing. The group did not ask for any increase in the \$5,100 in city funds used to reduce the costs of bus day trips and encourage participation.

Boy’s & Girl’s Club
James Green, Nicole Hall, Alicia Boone, Tonya Hyson and others represented the Greenbelt Boy’s and Girl’s Club, of which 98 percent of the members are Greenbelt residents. The club’s request has been increased to \$15,000, to cover uniforms, equipment, and activities. Membership, which reflects a diversity of cultural backgrounds, has expanded, particularly in basketball. Girls’ basketball began this year. The group discussed new proposals for fundraising, including possibly including a parent participation requirement. The budget for supplies and rental includes some money to rent additional gym space, due to the growth of basketball.

Labor Day Festival
Patti Brothers and Lenny Wertz represented the Labor Day Festival Committee, of which 98 percent of members live in Greenbelt. They reported that last year’s festival was very successful. There is a continuing need to recruit new volunteers. The com-


mittee needs no city funding this year, and continues to repay a city loan from last year. Mayor Judith Davis suggested placing temporary benches at designated bus stops. The city regularly assists the festival with a wide variety of help from the Public Works Department and by furnishing the booths used.

Double Dutch League
Kim Bradshaw and Shikon Scroggins told councilmembers that the Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League will work with local schools to recruit more Greenbelt residents. The current percentage stands at 35 percent. The year-long program trains girls and boys in single rope jumping and double Dutch competition. The club’s teams have won national competitions, and one team placed second in a world invitational competition. They noted that the majority of the \$4,000 city funds provided this year applied to travel costs in order to compete in tournaments. No increase was requested.


Arts Center
The center has asked the city for an increase of \$1,200, for a total of \$22,500, to pay for youth programming and outreach, and to offset production and other costs. Representing the center, Phyllis Kay and Ray Flynn told the council that they expect a better year next year than last year, when attendance dropped off after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Attendance has picked back up since then, they said. About 70 percent of GAC members live in Greenbelt.

Senior Softball
Jerry Jenkins, representing the Greenbelt Senior Softball team, asked for an in-kind contribution of \$1,000, the same as last year. The team is comprised of about 20 players, of which only three

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live in Greenbelt.

Aquatic Boosters
Mark Otto told councilmembers that the group’s biggest needs are for additional parent volunteers to help at swim meets, equipment, and more pool time. The percentage of local residents is currently 60 percent. The group requested \$7,600 for next year, with no increase.

Baseball League
Joe Fulton and Martin Murray reported that there are eight major league teams, four minor (coach pitch) teams, and four t-ball teams in the Greenbelt Baseball League. Of the 240 members, 85 percent are local residents. The group asked for \$7,000, an increase of \$400 over last year, to help support the fall league. Fulton noted that five of the current coaches played in the league as children.

Concert Band
About half of the Greenbelt Concert Band’s 16 annual concerts are given in Greenbelt, including the July 4 performance at Buddy Attick Park. Representing the group, David Clarke and Tom Cherrix told the council that the band has formed a Wind Ensemble, a smaller group which has performed in many local senior facilities. The band also maintains an extensive musical library. Currently, 10 percent of the 50 band members are Greenbelt residents, and the group continues its efforts to increase local membership. The group asked about the possibility of improved lighting on the Community Center stage. The band requested \$4,600 in funds, the same amount as last year.

Writers Group
Marsha Barrett and Paul Wassman represented the Greenbelt Writers Group at the council meeting, and requested \$300 to pay for a speaker next year. They reported that the writers group has published its third anthology.

Babe Ruth Assn.
Bob Sonneveldt and Kelly Ivy told councilmembers that membership in the Greenbelt Babe Ruth Association is expected to increase by 50 percent this year with a total of four baseball teams and five softball teams for girls and boys from 11 to 18 years old. This summer ladies’ fast-pitch softball program will begin, and is expected to be very popular. About 85 percent of its members live in Greenbelt. The group has requested \$9,000 in city funds, no increase from last year. The bases need replacing, and Ivy noted that a shed or storage area is needed to store dirt, tools and equipment to maintain the fields. Council member Rodney Roberts said it was important to ensure that the shed looked appropriate in the area, and the shed request will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
Five other groups submitted reports to the council but asked for no city funds. Those included the Greenbelt Dog Park Association, Greenbelt Home and Garden Club, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES), Greenbelt Running Coalition, and Greenbelt Tennis Association.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL- Regular Meeting
Public Hearings on FY 03 Budget & Constant Yield Tax Rate
Municipal Building Council Room
Tuesday, May 28, 2002 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation - Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary
Public Hearings - FY 2003 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda—marked by *—will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Establish a New Fund to Be Known as the 2001 Bond Fund, to Provide for the Receipt by the Fund of the Proceeds of the Sale of Bonds Authorized by Ordinance Number 1205 And Such Other Revenues or Fund Transfers as May Be Authorized From Time to Time (2nd Reading, Adoption)

Legislation to Amend the City Code for the Purpose of Revising the City’s Code Enforcement Program (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 931 and to Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 2002 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolutions 930 and 947 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective September 2, 2002 (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- ▲ Request for Designation of Honorary Poet Laureate
- ▲ Pedestrian Safety Month Programs - Briefing
- ▲ Emergency Preparedness and Operations Plan - Briefing
- ▲ Letter to County Requesting Change in Precinct Boundaries
- ▲ Response to 2001 Election Questionnaire - Briefing
- ▲ *Contracting with WGES for Electricity Generation and Transmission

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-3870 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27-31

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 28, 8pm, City Council Room, **REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY03 BUDGET AND CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE**, live on Channel 71.

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm, Greenbelt Community Center, **WORKSESSION, Redeployment Proposal of County Fire Department.**

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
Tuesday, May 28, 7pm, Municipal Building Conference Room, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm, Community Center-Senior Classroom; **SENIOR CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

GREENBELT ACCESS CHANNEL 71
Municipal Access 301-474-8000: Tuesday, 5/28 at 8pm-City Council Meeting “Live” Thursday, 5/30 6pm- “Replay of City Council , 9:00pm “Crazy Quilt Music Festival”
Public Access 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, 5/29 & 5/31-Call for Schedule.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating that day.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE MAY 27-31

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Artist Reception & Gallery Talk

with Artist Sarah Garcia

Tuesday, May 28-6:30 – 8:00pm.
Greenbelt Municipal Building

All ages are welcome to enjoy the display and an informal gallery talk on “Beloved Landscapes”with the artist. Display will continue through July 17. For information, please contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator, at 301-397-2208.

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Libby's Sweet Corn- Green Beans- Sweet Peas	49¢ 14-15 oz.
Ajax Liquid Dish Detergent	89¢ 19 oz.
Hi-C Lunchbox Fruit Drinks	\$1⁷⁹ 10 Pack
Kellogg's Frosted Flakes- Corn Pops- Apple Jacks	\$1⁷⁹ 15-20 oz.
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Log Cabin Country Kitchen Pancake Syrup	\$1⁴⁹ 24 oz.
Mardi Gras Economy Pack Napkins	\$1²⁹ 250 Pack
Best Yet Complete Pancake Mixes Original-Buttermilk	99¢ 32 oz.
Tostitos Corn Chips Asst. Varieties	\$2⁴⁹ 13.5 oz.
Star Kist Chunk Light Tuna Water-Oil	49¢ 6 oz.
Best Yet Original Mayonnaise	99¢ 32 oz.
Skippy Peanut Butter Asst. Varieties	\$1⁶⁹ 18 oz.
Quaker Bag Cereals Asst. Varieties	\$1³⁹ 13-18 oz.
Red Cheek Natural Apple Juice	\$1³⁹ 64 oz.
Anna Pasta Spaghetti-Linguine	49¢ 16 oz.
Maier's Buttertop Breads White-Wheat	\$1¹² 24 oz.
Best Yet Steak Sauce	\$1¹² 10 oz.
Ajax Original Cleanser	39¢ 14 oz.
Dynamo Ultra Value Size Liquid Laundry Detergent	\$1⁹⁹ 50 oz.
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POLICE BLOTTER

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Carjacking

6100 block Breezewood Drive, May 14, 2:37 a.m., a man was parking his vehicle when he was approached by a man armed with a silver handgun. He demanded the man’s money and car keys before pulling the victim from the vehicle, getting in and driving away. The victim’s vehicle is described as a silver 2003 Toyota Corolla four-door, Md. tags KGX063. The suspect, who covered his face with a T-shirt during the robbery, is described only as a black male, 5’5”, 150 lbs.

Robbery

7900 block Mandan Road, May 11, 5:17 a.m., a cab driver was waiting for a fare when he was approached by a man who entered the cab, produced a dark-colored semi-automatic handgun and demanded money. After he took money and a cellular telephone from the victim, he fled the area on foot in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 17, 5’4”, 150 lbs., wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black T-shirt and light-colored pants.

7900 block Mandan Road, May 13, 11:28 p.m., a cab driver picked up a man who asked how much the fare would be before producing a black handgun and demanding money. The suspect put down the gun to frisk the driver for money, at which time the cab driver climbed over the back seat in an attempt to get the gun. In the ensuing struggle, both men fell into the street, the victim then grabbed the gun and chased the suspect for a short distance before calling police. The suspect is described as a black male, 20, 6’1”, 150 lbs., wearing a dark athletic suit and white tee shirt. The victim was treated on the scene for minor scratches.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, May 13, 9:37 p.m., a man was walking into his apartment building when he was approached by two young men, one of whom was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun. The suspect with the gun demanded money from the victim. After obtaining the victim’s wallet, both men fled and got into a white van being driven by an unknown third person. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 to 20, tall, thin, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, and a black male, 16 to 20, tall, thin, wearing a white T-shirt.

6000 block Breezewood Drive, May 11, 6:57 p.m., a man was walking to his residence when he was approached by a man who displayed a black semi-automatic handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the victim, the suspect fled the scene in a vehicle described as a red Ford Taurus bearing unknown D.C. tags. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25, 5’8”, 200 lbs., with a light goatee, blue jeans and black sneakers.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, May 12, 7:56 p.m., a man was walking to a friend’s apartment when he was approached by several men, one of whom told the victim that the victim owed him money. The suspects pulled the victim into a laundry room, where they kicked him several times and removed his shoes, shirt and pants before fleeing the scene. The victim was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 to 18, thin, hair in cornrows, wearing a black and red jacket, blue jeans and red and black tennis shoes, and several other black males, 16 to 18, no further description available.

Assault

May 13, 4:26 p.m., a woman became involved in a traffic dispute with another woman in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza Mall. The victim was parking her car when the suspect deliberately drove into the victim’s parked vehicle. When the victim got out of her vehicle to check for damage, the suspect then got out of her vehicle and assaulted the victim, punching her and pulling her hair. The suspect also assaulted a passenger who got out of the victim’s vehicle to break up the altercation. The suspect then fled the scene in her vehicle, which is described as a black 1998 Toyota four-door, possible Md. tag KJP463. The suspect is described as a black female in her twenties, 5’5”, 144 lbs., light complexion, brown eyes. Also inside the vehicle was a child about three years old.

Sex Offense

6000 block Springhill Drive, May 10, 9:10 a.m., an 11-year-old was arrested and charged with fourth-degree sex offense after he allegedly fondled another student at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The boy was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, May 10, 2 p.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt resident was charged with fourth-degree sex offense after he allegedly fondled another student at the school. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

6300 block Ivy Lane, May 13, 8:41 a.m., after doors to an office suite were pried open, some person(s) took computer equipment, a digital camera, overhead projectors and laptop computers. A witness advised that during the weekend, a possible suspect entered the office area allegedly to check out the air-conditioning, although no service call had been made. The suspect is described as a black male, 30, 6’, 205 lbs., with a medium complexion and muscular build, wearing a black stocking cap, dark jacket and blue jeans.

9100 block Edmonston Road, May 12, 6:56 p.m., several juveniles, 10 to 15, broke into a storage room and vandalized the area.

9300 block Edmonston Road, May 13, 2:23 a.m., a purse and a wallet were taken after entry may have been gained by way of an unsecured kitchen window.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, May 14, 5:28 p.m., a television, DVD player and stereo were taken after entry was gained by breaking out a bedroom window.

Theft

Beltway Plaza, May 10, 1:26 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from the Rainbow Fashion store.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, May 15, 1:15 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from an unsecured locker at the school.

Vandalism

6200 block Breezewood Drive, May 11, 6:40 p.m., someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

Drug Arrest

9200 block Springhill Lane, May 15, 9:07 p.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Beltway Plaza, May 10, 10:38 a.m., a man, 23, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct and littering. After being involved in a physical altercation with another person, he was ordered to leave the mall. However, he refused and began yelling, causing a crowd to form. He then threw litter to the floor and was arrested. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vehicle crimes are not included due to space limitations.

Another Break-In At Generous Joe’s

Generous Joe’s, a popular Roosevelt Center deli and restaurant, was broken into some time before 2:30 a.m. last Monday morning when police were called. Employees had locked up about 12:30 a.m., owner Joe Natoli told the News Review.


This was the second break-in of the restaurant in less than a year. According to Natoli, apparently a man walked by and saw glass on the sidewalk, and afterward mentioned what he saw to another man. The latter man then called police at about 2:30 a.m.

The glass door may have been hit in its center with considerable force and then pulled out of its frame, Natoli thought. He said insurance does not cover replacing the door; however, no money was obtained by those breaking in.


Natoli said he plans to install security devices in the restaurant.



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Senator Leo Green Files for Re-election

Leo E. Green has filed to run for re-election to the Maryland State Senate in the 23rd District. Senator Green, a Democrat, has represented the 23rd District in the Maryland Senate since 1983. "My most important reason for being Senator is to be responsive to the needs of my constituents. That's the reason I'm here," he told the News Review.



Senator Leo Green speaking to participants at a Veterans' Day Observance.

Boardwalk Tours At Suitland Bog

Join the naturalist of Watkins Nature Center at the Suitland Bog and discover its many rare carnivorous plants and wildlife that call it home. The Bog was recently featured in The Washington Post.

Boardwalk tours will be led by naturalists on June 1, July 6, August 3, and September 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. The tours are free.

Participants should meet at the Bog Gate located on Suitland Road, near the Suitland Parkway intersection. For further information call 301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544; or on the web at www.pgparcs.com.

Museum Exhibits Period Costumes

An observer of social life in the new federal city of Washington noted that people "dress much more gay and splendid than they do in N'York." An exhibit at the Riversdale House Museum will feature fashions that "kept the carriages flying" in early 19th century Washington. Costumes to be exhibited throughout the mansion include interpretations created as contest entries, reproductions, and authentic period garments.

On Sundays, an attentive saleswoman will be on hand in a re-created Washington milliner's shop, circa 1816. Children will have the opportunity to try on fashionable garments in a special hands-on area; parents are advised to bring cameras. Costumes will be exhibited through June 16.

There will be a costume study symposium June 13 featuring costume historians from Riversdale, the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Museum, and the Smithsonian.

The house is open on Fridays and Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. There is a fee. Special tours for groups of eight or more may be arranged at other times by appointment.

Riversdale is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544; www.pgparcs.com.

Diabetes Seminar

Diabetes is becoming an epidemic in America. Learn about the symptoms, causes, diagnosis and treatment methods. The free seminar will be held on Monday, June 3, at 7:15 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. Advance registration is required. Call 1-800-542-5096.

Council Delays Purchase Of the Golden Triangle

by Barbara Hopkins

For several months, the Greenbelt City Council has debated the possible purchase by the city and various uses for a 4.71-acre parcel in the area known as the "Golden Triangle" that the state owns and is considering surplus property. The price the state is asking is \$1,665,000. Possible uses discussed by council for the parcel include a reforestation buffer or open space area, or the site of a new fire station. Capitol Cadillac has also shown interest in acquiring the property for expansion purposes. In fact, their inquiry led the state initially to offer the property for sale.

The city had requested a three-month extension for making a decision on the property, but Samuel Minnitte, director of the Maryland Department of Transportation Office of Real Estate Development, responded that the request could not be honored because it would result in putting "any private sector prospect into a planning and zoning moratorium." He was, however, able to extend the deadline for the city to May 15.

At its May 13 meeting, council agreed that neither the city

nor the fire department is in a financial position to move forward at this time to purchase the property for any purpose. After discussion, council voted to respond to Minnitte by requesting that the property be kept in public ownership for possible future public safety use. A letter was sent dated May 17.

The adopted motion included the request that if the property is leased for 10 or 20 years, some portion of the rents should be collected into an escrow fund that could be used toward the city's purchase of the property at the expiration of the lease. In addition, the city will ask the state for a one-time payment from the state in lieu of taxes, since state property does not generate tax revenue for the municipality in which it lies. The letter will ask that the city have the option to purchase the property when any commercial lease expires.

Wildlife Programs At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge will be offering several upcoming programs. All programs are free but require advance reservations. Call 301-497-5887 for reservations and directions, or visit patuxent.fws.gov.

"Butterflies: Nature's Festival of Colors" will be held at the North Tract Saturday, June 15, 8:30 to 11 a.m., for ages 8 and older with adult. Field guides and water recommended.

Two programs will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197 in Laurel.

"Basics of Birding," a two-part program, will be held Saturday, June 15, 1-3:30 p.m., continuing Sunday, June 16, 8 to 10 a.m. This program is for ages 16 and older, and will feature a discussion and walk focusing on bird identification, habitats, and equipment.

"Scaly and Slimy," for ages 5-7, will be Sunday, June 16, 2 to 3 p.m. Discover the similarities and differences between reptiles and amphibians in this interactive program.

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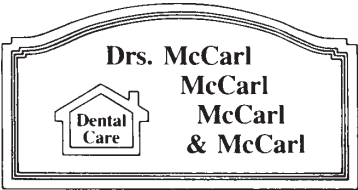
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A Review

A Different Perspective On Romeo and Juliet

by Trevor Siegel

I must express strong objections to the review “‘Romeo and Juliet’ Bombs In Production as Farce’” authored by Sabine Hentrich that was printed in the May 16 edition of the Greenbelt News Review.

I attended the “Romeo and Juliet” production that was presented by the Rude Mechanicals theater troupe at the Greenbelt Arts Center on the weekend of May 11th and was awestruck by the sheer intensity presented by the cast that evening.

I have a bachelor’s degree in English Literature (with an emphasis on the works of William Shakespeare) from the University of California, Santa Cruz – so I have a solid appreciation for the works of the Bard. As a benefactor-level member of the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), I want to know that my monetary contribution is not being wasted on second-rate endeavors. After seeing “Romeo and Juliet,” I don’t think it has been.

The Shakespeare Theater in Washington, D.C. presented its own interpretation of “Romeo and Juliet” this season, with a budget that exceeds the funds available to the Rude Mechanicals theater troupe by at least a factor of one hundred times – yet the production of “Romeo and Juliet” presented by the Shakespeare Theater, even with its actors who have national acclaim, was flat and dull compared to the Rude Mechanicals production that I saw at GAC.

The ability to memorize more than a few lines of text from a Shakespeare play is very difficult to do. Add blocking and stage combat to the mix and the task is even more daunting. Put the actor under stage lights, put a prop in their hands and ask them to recite their lines with conviction and the task is next to impossible – which is why stagecraft is something to be appreciated when an actor portrays a role that is believable. I believed the actors in their roles in “Romeo and Juliet” and I also respect their stagecraft.

Hentrich called the actor who played Romeo (Kevin Eldrich) “a pathetic boy” and labeled the actor who played Mercutio (Jaki Demarest) “a vampire on Ecstasy.” Comments like these are not only unkind and mean-spirited, but these comments also

fail to provide constructive criticism back to the actors. Hentrich concluded her review by stating that “Shakespeare would have been offended” (by the directorial choices of switching the gender of several key players, Mercutio and Capulet, or by the directorial choice to add modern elements [such as using rock music or remote controls] to this interpretation of the play). I wonder how Hentrich knows Shakespeare would have been offended? Perhaps she has been getting feedback from Shakespeare by some sort of psychic? Supposedly, John Edwards speaks to the dead.

I want to remind Hentrich that William Shakespeare was a man of infinite jest who said “All the world’s indeed a stage and we are merely players.”[sic] His point was that theater is meant to entertain us and should be fun. Having fun with the text means giving the director license to take a different perspective and present the story in a way that is fresh and new. If Hentrich is upset by the gender-bending that Jaki Demarest presented in her interpretation of the play, as a director, then it should be noted that in Shakespeare’s time – all the roles were played exclusively by men because it was not considered appropriate for women to act at that point in history. Given this historical fact, is it really so bad to cast a woman in a “man’s role” (Mercutio or Capulet) when a man would have played the part of Juliet in Shakespeare’s day?

Hentrich objected to the mix of skateboards with swords and daggers. I would argue this mix of old and new infers the tragic love story of “Romeo and Juliet” is timeless; and the director intended to show us how this timeless aspect of the play is tangible, regardless of the outward trappings. If I tried to ride a skateboard on stage, I’d probably fall down. If I tried to wield a sword on stage, I’d probably poke an eyeball out. The Rude Mechanicals didn’t make a mistake by mixing skateboards with swords and daggers – what they did do was convince me to renew my benefactor-level membership at the GAC for another year, by presenting a Shakespeare play filled with passion, heart and delivered with conviction.

City Notes

The week of May 13, the horticulture crew removed downed trees and large limbs on Olivewood, in Stream Valley Park, and in several other areas and chipped the wood. The crew also planted and mulched the annuals in the medians on Hanover Parkway (Greenbriar side), at the Youth Center, and at the entrance to Lakeside and Buddy Attick Park and weeded the landscaped areas on Breezewood Drive, the Greenbelt Museum, and at PublicWorks.

The parks crew continued work on the Wetlands Center and the newly installed playground equipment at the Lake Park, and filled it with safety material. The new playground equipment will be open for use this weekend. Baby swings were hung on the

new swing set at the Lake Park and chips were spread in the new playground area at Buddy Attick Park. The crew repaired a fence in Lakewood which had been damaged by a fallen tree.

The special operations crew assisted with black top repair on Ora Glen Drive, assisted with on-going work to ready the outdoor pool for its opening, repaired the flashing light at Springhill Lake Elementary School, and installed a plaque by a tree on Ridge Road.

The streets crew continued base repair on Ora Glen Drive, worked on the fence for the new animal impound area, poured concrete and pressure washed areas of the pool deck, and used the street sweeper in East Greenbelt and Springhill Lake.

A Tale Of Two Cities

by Punchin' Judy

Maybe a better title would be “I lead two lives,” because I feel as if I do, and sometimes I feel more confused than usual. One foot is in Greenbelt, Md., and the other in Hamden, Conn. Watch where you’re going, feet.

The two towns have some things in common. Both are close to a bigger city, but one of them is Washington, D.C., with which I have been familiar for many years. It’s easy for me to drive there. I know every bump on the roads. In Hamden the big city is New Haven. I really like New Haven, but I have trouble driving there, since all the streets seem to be one-way, always in the wrong direction.

As I commute between the two communities, it’s the little things that cause my confusion. In Greenbelt I get up on the right side of my bed, in Hamden on the left. You’d be surprised how unsettling this can be in the middle of the night when you head for the facilities which should be on one side and turn out to be on the other. Waking after a dream, I am not quite sure where I am. When I open my eyes, will I see a chest of drawers or a curtained window?

The kitchen cabinets are another problem. I know I had mustard. I remember putting it on the shelf on the right, next to the ketchup. I’d better buy some more. Oh, no, that was in the kitchen in the other town. Now I have two jars in one kitchen, and I so seldom use mustard. The next time I am in the other location I’ll probably go through the same thing with mayonnaise.

How lucky to be in the same time zone, no matter which of the two towns I inhabit at the moment. At least I won’t wake my friends in the middle of the night at the other location, nor they me.

I wish the television schedule were that easy to follow. Not only are the stations on different channels, but the times often differ. It doesn’t really matter much, since these days most of my televising occurs on “Animal Planet” with my young granddaughter.

Going back and forth on the train causes me mental vapors. Am I going north or south this trip? Will Newark come before or after New York? Either way I’m going to one home or another. Am I developing a multiple personality problem or is it my usual trouble with directions? No matter. Inhabiting two worlds is a fascinating experience.

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A Review

Kleztet Does Jewish Jazz With Skill and Pizzazz

by James Giese

We were fortunate to be in the select group that heard the Alexandria Kleztet in concert on Saturday, May 18. It was a joyful, jumping occasion. The Kleztet bills itself as an exciting, innovative alternative klezmer band that combines traditional Eastern-European/Jewish music with diverse influences from other genres such as jazz, classical, worldbeat (whatever that is) and rock music. Its spokesperson and clarinetist, Seth Kibel, told the audience that when immigrants brought klezmer music to this country, other elements of music played in America, such as folk music from other countries, had been integrated with the traditional music. What the Kleztet has done, he said, was simply bring more of other musical forms into their selections, either through the original arrangements that they use, or by performing new pieces written by members of the group.

What we heard and saw was a lively, foot-stomping, jumping performance of Jewish type melodies with a lot of the elements of jazz thrown in. The foot stomping and jumping came mostly from Kibel who managed to keep up a fast pace on his clarinet all the time he moved and bounced around the stage. Bass guitarist Scott Harlan also did some stomping and jumping, but mostly swayed with the beat. Claire Cardon, playing an electric violin, was more sedate, leaving all her animation to her fingers and bowing. Also, drummer Tim Jarvis kept seated most of

the time as his sticks moved about the array of drums set before him.

Perhaps my untrained ears missed the other elements, but the only thing I heard beside jazz and folk melody was a bit of a classical melody during a short opening section. I failed to detect the influences of rock music, if present.

The group’s members wrote many of the pieces played. They were named after family members, such as Mickey Loves Mamba and the Cry of the Wild Lucy, or after their pets including dog, Pepper, and a pet turtle. The turtle piece was one of the peppiest of the many peppy selections played. The Lucy piece seemed to me to have the purest elements of jazz, with long solo performances by each of the players. Whether these solos were improvisations or well rehearsed, I could not say. In any event, these and the many others solos played during the evening, as well as when the four played together, amply demonstrated each member’s very considerable talent and skill at playing the instrument he or she used.

Our only regrets for the evening were that more people did not turn out for this excellent performance arranged by Konrad Herling and sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center and that because of scheduling conflicts, the performance was held in the voluminous gym of the Greenbelt Community Center instead of the more intimate space at the Arts Center.



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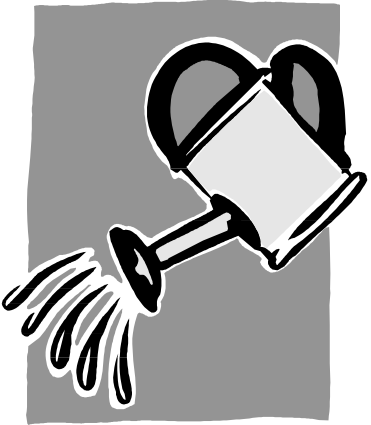
A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Spring is well on its way to becoming summer. It seems as if from mid-March onward each week has showcased a new and beautiful display of flowering plants. From daffodils in March to the recently blooming azalea and dogwood, spring in our area is a rich display of widely varied floral beauty. There are areas of the country in which many types of spring flowers bloom all at once, so we are fortunate to have such a lengthy display.

It will be some weeks before the summer-blooming annual flowers will provide much of a display. There are flowering shrubs and perennial flowers that bloom in the late spring, but unfortunately they are not planted as frequently as daffodils or azaleas. Still, there are gardens that now showcase irises, roses, columbines, and peonies. It could be that by the time this is published, some of these will have finished blooming. Their bloom time is short, but they are beautiful.

Not much needs to be said about the beauty of roses, but words of caution are necessary. Unless you have six hours of sun in your yard, you should forget about planting roses unless you are prepared for lesser displays of flowers and more work. Also, our hot humid summers mean disease problems. Ask knowledgeable people, such as someone at a quality garden store



what kinds of roses are less disease-prone. There is quite a variation among roses. And it depends on what you like in a rose. The old-fashioned “Fairy” has done well for me for decades, even in four hours of sun. But not everyone would like roses that are less than two inches in diameter. Two of the best displays of roses in the city are roadside displays: one is in the Beltway Plaza parking lot and one’s at the intersection of Southway and Greenbelt Road.

One of the best floral displays in the city is brought to us by Mother Nature. All around the oldest part of the city, buttercups have been blooming in playgrounds, along roadsides and in grassy areas. To my mind, that intense yellow next to the clear, spring green of grass is one of the finest sights in the city in the spring. The best display is

on the lawn between the Community Center and the Library. During these few weeks, I wish the city would mow the grassy areas less often, though buttercups do come back and bloom after being cut. Let us learn to stop and appreciate the beauty nature provides.

Vegetable Planting

The vegetable planting season continues. Tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash planted now will produce during the summer. Tomatoes and peppers should be planted by Memorial Day. You can continue to plant beans and squash.

May really is the optimum time for planting the summer garden. The days are warming up, the soil is warm, and the spring showers still occur with regularity.

Salad and leafy greens planted earlier will keep producing until hot weather arrives. (In a mild year, they can be eaten until late June.)

Houseplants

Houseplants do well spending the summer outside. They are warmth-loving plants, so wait until nighttime temperatures are consistently warm to put them out for the summer. I often put out the tougher ones that can take cooler nights first, such as Moses-in-the-cradle, or spider-plants. Late May or early June is the time to put out the houseplants.

State to Certify Organic Products

Confirming the high quality of Maryland’s organic certification process, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the state program to certify organic production and handling operations under new federal standards. Maryland was one of only 10 state programs and 32 private or foreign agents so accredited. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will undergo a verification audit in the next 120 days to finalize the accreditation.

The establishment of a national standard for organic certification verifies the market demand for organic products and assures consumers that all certified organic products meet the same, high standard. The uniformity also makes it easier for Maryland organic producers to sell their products in other states.

Maryland’s organic certification program was established in 1991. There are 72 farms producing certified organic livestock and products on 4,000 acres. MDA has received 13 new applications for certification so far this year, reflecting growth in the marketplace.

Doctors Hospital Needs Volunteers

The Physical Therapy Department at Doctors Community Hospital is seeking dependable volunteers to greet patients and perform clerical tasks. The Emergency Department is looking for pre-med students or social work majors as volunteers on the frontline in the emergency room, from greeting patients/visitors to run errands. There are opportunities in other areas. For information call Mary Beth Klick at 301-552-8001.

Horticulture Rates Highest In City Questionnaire

Greenbelters rate their city services highly, according to the results of a questionnaire that was filled out by voters during the last election. The questionnaires have been tabulated by the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Maryland, and the results were recently received by the city. Most city services, 23 of 34, received scores over 3.00, which means that the largest number of people rated the service as “Excellent” and the next largest group rated it “Very Good.”

The top five services, in order of scoring, were Horticulture (3.52), Special Events (3.48), Snow Removal (3.42), the Community Center (3.38), and the Aquatic Center (3.37). The five lowest rated services were Animal Control (2.58), Job Bank (2.61), School Discussion Groups (2.65), Traffic Control (2.74), and Parking Enforcement (2.74). Two of these services, Job Bank and School Discussion Groups, are part of CARES, the Greenbelt counseling center. However, CARES was rated by only a small number of respondents, and ratings for four other categories of CARES services showed double-digit improvement over previous years. These included GED, crisis intervention, school discussion groups, and babysitting workshop.

Statistics

During the last election, 1,052 questionnaires were completed, or 44 percent of the people who voted. In the past about half of the voters responded. Precinct 3 (Community Center) submitted 43 percent of responses, precinct 6 (Police Station) submitted 25 percent, seven percent came from precinct 8 (Springhill Lake), and 23 percent from precinct 13 (Eleanor Roosevelt). The majority of respondents (60.4 percent) were either from single-family detached homes (28.4 percent) or GHI (32 percent). The remainder were split between apartments,

townhouses and condominiums. About 38 percent of respondents were age 45 to 60 and 30 percent were over 60. Fifty-eight percent of respondents have lived in Greenbelt more than 11 years, and 10 percent are retired.

Overall, city services score very well. However, public safety scores were generally down in precincts 6 and 8, although they were up in precinct 13. Also in precinct 8, most public works and public safety scores were down. A significant number of voters (555) reported contact with the police department since 1999. Ninety-eight percent of these citizens indicated the police employee was polite and courteous, and 91 percent said the employee assisted them satisfactorily. Both categories were up by three percent from 1999.

Responses on cable television were mixed. Only 49 percent were satisfied with the current service. Sixty-five percent said they were able to get through on the phone lines, a 13 percent improvement from 1999.

Education

Because only 188 residents noted they had school age children, the information may be of minimal use. The ratings for Eleanor Roosevelt, St. Hugh’s, and Magnolia Elementary improved, while ratings for all the other schools in Greenbelt declined. The schools’ “most critical” needs were smaller classes and more teachers, followed by enrichment opportunities.

Half of those responding indicated they had actually watched a city council meeting on TV and 34 percent reported that they had watched other programming on the city’s cable channel. Eighty percent said they had internet access (a 14 percent increase), and about 41 percent have visited Greenbelt’s website.

Public Works Will Have A New Green Building

by Barbara Hopkins

The proposed new Greenbelt Public Works maintenance facility will be a “green” building, with a number of “environmentally smart elements” incorporated into its design, infrastructure, and landscaping. At its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, Greenbelt City Council approved additional funds for the modifications, which will cost more initially but provide financial and environmental savings over time, and to cover an expansion in the scope of the project since its inception.

The additional funding amounts to \$239,619, bringing the total expense for design, engineering and construction administration to \$320,803. Approximately one-third of the new expenses will be for inclusion of “green,” or environmentally sensitive, features in the building. The expenditures required for these features make the cost of this administrative phase of the project 16 percent of the total budget, which is higher than the accepted industry guidelines of ten percent. However, Kenneth Hall, director of Public Works, estimates that operating costs for the new building will be about 50 percent of conventional construction and equipment, and in a memo to City Manager Michael McLaughlin he said that the additional costs are projected to be recovered within five to seven years for larger equipment and even sooner for passive energy sources and the planned automatic water-saving devices.

Scott Grice, president of the architectural firm contracted for

the project, addressed questions from councilmembers at the meeting. He told them that his company would be coming back to council for further decisions on specific systems and equipment after the firm had analyzed the cost-savings and other benefits of what is available and feasible. He said in a letter to Carolyn Clemens, superintendent of operations at the city’s Department of Public Works, that there is the potential to use 50 percent less energy and 10 percent of normal water usage. He also said that the use of recycled and environmentally friendly materials has an additional impact by reducing resource consumption.

Green Elements

The “green” elements of the building include a solar water heating system in the administration area, a waste oil heating system in the maintenance facility, natural daylight and dimming, automatic plumbing sensors, a geothermal heat pump system, construction materials from recycled components, framing timbers made from laminated material from second-growth wood, native plantings in the landscaping, inclusion of a rain garden in the storm water management system, and a cistern for the greenhouse.

The Department of Public Works reports that construction of the facility is scheduled to begin in January 2003.

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GHI ANNUAL MEETING

Members Hear Plans To Simplify Processing

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. was held on May 15 and recessed until May 16. Elections for the board of directors and audit committee were held after the meeting and again the next day. Four positions on the board were up for election and only four candidates filed for these positions. Two incumbents - Dorothy Lauber and Sylvia Lewis were re-elected. Also elected were Gail Alexanderwicz and Margaret Hogensen, who has served on the board several times in the past.

The audit committee had four candidates for three positions. Elected were Sheila Alpers, Hopi Auerbach, and Darlene Romanowski. Barbara Meehan was not elected.

There were about 200 members at the annual meeting, although only 130 votes were cast for the board and audit committee. The low election vote may have been influenced by the dearth of candidates for the positions.

During the meeting, members of the nomination and elections committee were elected by acclamation. They were Roger Brown, Andy Carruthers, Deborah Cooley, Konrad Herling and Betty Wellborn.

Delinquent Payments

GHI treasurer, Sylvia Lewis, discussed a change in how members delinquent in their monthly charges are handled. Lewis emphasized that it is “a small number of members who cause all the administrative problems.” Monthly payments are due by the 10th of the month. Current policy calls for a “courtesy” reminder to be sent out on the 11th of the month followed by a late notice on the 21st. A letter of intent to terminate the contract is not sent until the 21st of the following month.

Under the new policy, a notice will go out on the 21st of the first month stating “intent to file in court” followed by termination at the end of the first month of delinquency. The courtesy letter on the 11th will still be sent. Lewis indicated that it is best for all members to “have payment automatically transferred from the bank.”

Fee Structure

Lewis also discussed the monthly fee structure and how complex it is. She indicated the board has been investigating the

fee structure for several years and there appear to be unfair differences between homes. She stressed that they are looking at the basic fee and not additional items such as rehab fees or garage fees, etc.

As an example, Lewis stated that there are 579 brick and block homes that represent 71 layouts. There are 236 different fees for the 579 units. She said some of these are only a few cents apart, but that they should be the same. “It makes no sense,” she commented. GHI is working on a formula that is fair and easy to explain. It should go into effect for 2004. They will share the plans with the membership before they are implemented.

Woodlands Committee

Dirk Kingsley presented a report from the woodlands committee on their 15-year plan. Members have been walking through the woods and are still finding waste dumping, which is often yard waste. This waste introduces foreign plants into the forest, which “is smothering out native life.” The worst problem is currently at the forest edge. The upper canopy of the trees is dying in some places, partially due to gypsy moths.

Erosion was also discussed and the use of rain barrels to limit erosion and help with water conservation. A full report is available from GHI. More committee members are needed.

ZIP Cars

Bill Edwards, representing ZIP Cars, made a presentation on their availability. The city has two ZIP cars in place and these are cars that can be reserved and used on an hourly basis. A person must first fill out an application and pay a yearly fee to use the cars. Then there are hourly fees. Edwards commented that the use of these kinds of cars “takes many private vehicles off the road and frees up parking spaces.” He added that this type of car sharing has been going on in Europe for two decades.

There was substantial discussion about the ZIP Cars, one of which is parked near the Municipal Building and the other at Green Ridge House. The ZIP Car company is offering a special rate to GHI members who want to apply. Detailed brochures were available.

should be of particular interest to the Youth Advisory Committee, as it would show the city’s youth that their opinions on the current fees had been heard and addressed.

The new fees lower the non-resident child daily fee and the adult daily fee. The resolution also created a new fee category of “young adult” for youths aged 14 through 17 years. Senior citizen fees will remain as they have been.

by Barbara Hopkins

Aquatic and Fitness Center Has Reduced Fees

“I think we did swimmingly well,” said Mayor Judith Davis with a grin at the city council meeting on May 13 as she requested a “dive into the vote” that would approve a change in the fee schedule for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules and allow the change to take effect for the opening of the pool on May 25.

Davis said the resolution

Greenbelt Day Weekend

Celebrating our 65th year, 1937 - 2002

Join in the fun of this anniversary weekend! Time has proven that Greenbelt is a great community in which to live, work and play. Greenbelt Day Weekend is the perfect time to experience some of the reasons that perpetuate the “Greenbelt Is Great” attitude. Stroll through our walkways on a tour of Greenbelt homes and gardens, take in a ball game, listen to live music, join in hands-on arts activities, take a dip in the pool...there truly is something for everyone. Enjoy!

The Mayor and City Council cordially invite all of you to come and enjoy your community.

Friday, May 31st

9am - 10pm

Photography Exhibit “Greenbelt at 65” Community Center Art Gallery. Members of the community document aspects of present-day Greenbelt. Open daily.

6pm
8pm

Tigers vs. O’s. Braden Field #2
“The World of Tomorrow”: Dance theater performance based on the 1939 New York World’s Fair. Community members perform as Centaurs, Salvador Dali’s Venus, Elektro the Moto-Man, and more. Featuring Laura Schandelmeier as the Frozen Alive Girl. Community Center. Free.

8pm - 11pm

New Deal Café. Live entertainment highlighting “Ghost of Tom”, a three piece band featuring a variety of old folk and pop tunes played in their own style. A variety of food, decadent desserts, coffee, tea and espresso will also be available for sale at their location in Roosevelt Center Mall.



Saturday, June 1st

8am - 9:45pm

Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance to the facility. (Outdoor pool opens at 10:00am.)

9am - 10pm

Photography Exhibit “Picturing Victims and Patriots” located in the Greenbelt Museum Exhibit Room. Open Daily.

10am - 8pm

Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions.

11am

Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the ‘Buddy’ Attick Lake Park. Join the Mayor and City Council for this ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration for the opening of the City’s *newest* playground additions (a project partially funded by the Open Space Community Parks and Playgrounds grant) at ‘Buddy’ Attick Lake Park.

11am
1pm
8pm

Rockies vs. Braves. Machine pitch. Braden Field #2
Yankees vs. Marlins. Machine pitch. Braden Field #2
“The World of Tomorrow”: Dance theater performance based on the 1939 New York World’s Fair. Community members perform as Centaurs, Salvador Dali’s Venus, Elektro the Moto-Man, and more. Featuring Laura Schandelmeier as the Frozen Alive Girl. Community Center. Free.

8pm - 11pm

New Deal Café. Live entertainment with Dave Allen Wilcox, a professional folk performer presenting his own work plus that of late 70’s and 80’s folk musicians. A variety of food, decadent desserts, coffee, tea and espresso also will be available for sale at their location at Roosevelt Center Mall.



GREENBELT DAY - Sunday, June 2nd

8am - 9:45pm

Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance to the facility.

10am - 7pm

New Deal Café. Savor a delicious breakfast or brunch at this hometown meeting spot.

11am

“Vids by Kids III” at the Old Greenbelt Theater. A youth film festival, featuring works by children and teens in the Washington and Baltimore area. Sponsored by GAVA, GATE, and FOGT. For information, call Barbara Simon 301-474-2192.

10am - 8pm

Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions.

1pm-3pm
1pm-5pm

“Greenbelt at 65” Photo Exhibit Reception. Community Center Art Gallery.
Greenbelt Museum 10-B Crescent Road Special Display: “Returning from the Fair” Aunt Mary has just returned from her trip to New York where she got souvenirs from the 1939 World’s Fair and an array of new hats.

1pm-5pm

Artful Afternoon. Meet Artists-in-Residence and tour their studios. Ceramics for sale with Greenbelt Pottery at the Community Center.

1pm

U.S.O. Benefit Ball “An evening from the 40’s”. If you haven’t already purchased a ticket for this “Evening from the 40’s” which is being held at the Greenbelt Marriott on June 14, there is still a chance. Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion, tickets will be for sale throughout the Concert Band’s performance on the front lawn of the Community Center.

2pm

Greenbelt Concert Band. After the Mayor and City Council’s opening remarks, the Concert Band will entertain us. Community Center front lawn, in connection with the Artful Afternoon.

2pm-5pm

Floating Art Workshop. As part of the Artful Afternoon help create floating artwork for Greenbelt Lake. Work will be exhibited at “Buddy” Attick Lake Park in connection with the City’s Independence Day celebration. No experience needed. Ages 8 to adult.

12:30 - 5pm

GHI Home & Garden Tour. Enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of Greenbelt Homes. Along the route, one may view the colorful stick figures created by Greenbelt’s Girl Scouts. Begins at the Greenbelt Community Center.

2pm

Major League All-Star Game. McDonald Field.



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center				Greenbelt Residents are required to show proof of residency when paying daily admission. Weekend and Holidays are restricted to Passholders, Greenbelt Residents & their guest.
Summer Daily Admission Prices May 25, 2002 - September 2, 2002				
	GREENBELT RESIDENT	WEEKDAY NON-RESIDENT	WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY GUEST	
Youth (1-13)	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	
Young Adult (14-17)	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	
Adult (18-59)	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	
Senior (60 years +)	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$4.00	